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TITLE OF INVENTION: DIAGNOSTIC PROBE AND KIT FOR TONOMETRIC EXAMINATION OF RESPIRATORY INSUFFICIENCY AND REGIONAL PERFUSION FAILURE OF THE BODY

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# Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 25 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 25 day(s).

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The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included nerewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.						
1. X This communication is responsive to the remarks and ame	ndment filed 7 February 2011.					
2. $\boxtimes$ The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>11,14,17,19 and 20</u> .						
<ul> <li>3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority una)</li> <li>a) All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:</li> <li>1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have</li> <li>2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have</li> <li>3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have</li> <li>International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).</li> <li>* Certified copies not received:</li> </ul>	been received. been received in Application No					
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.						
4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.						
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.						
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached						
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(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date						
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).						
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.						
Attachment(s)  1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date  4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	5. ☐ Notice of Informal P 6. ☐ Interview Summary Paper No./Mail Dat 7. ☐ Examiner's Amendn 8. ☑ Examiner's Stateme 9. ☐ Other	(PTO-413), re				

### **DETAILED ACTION**

# Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to anticipate or make obvious the inventions of claims 11, 14, 17, 19, and 20, including, *inter-alia*, a device for tonometry in a gastrointestinal tract having two tubes of specific diameters and thicknesses, where the entire lengths of each of the tubes are permeable to gasses and impermeable to fluids, in combination with all other limitations in the claims.

Salzman (US 5423320) discloses a similar device, as discussed in prior Office Actions, but Salzman's device is configured for gas transfer only at a distal end of the tubes.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KAREN E. TOTH whose telephone number is (571)272-6824. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon thru Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor II can be reached on 571-272-4730. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Charles A. Marmor, II/ Supervisory Patent Examiner Art Unit 3735

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